

Ohio Reading Road Trip ✍️ Extension Activities ✍️ Anderson ✍️ Something Creepy!

Overview

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In this creative writing activity, students will write a poem from the hunter’s point of view and also write a story based on this quote.

Getting Started

Lesson Objectives

After completing this activity, students will be able to:

- ✍️ Write a poem that describes a specific character and setting
- ✍️ Write a short story in response to a prompt

Grade Level Indicators

In meeting the lesson objectives, students will:

- H** Use available technology to compose text
- I** Publish writing for display or for sharing with others

Time Required

You could ask students to complete one or both of these Extension Activities. If the activities are done in class, you will probably need the following amount of time:

- ✍️ Poem – 20-45 minutes
- ✍️ Short Story – 45 minutes or more

Resources Needed

Computer with Internet access and printing capability

Activities

Teachers:

Give students the Something Creepy handout (download the PDF here). [\[Add link to PDF and adobe.com site for people who don't have the Reader\]](#)

Handout [\[make into PDF\]](#)

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Write a Poem

Imagine that you are the hunter. Write a poem that uses the setting from the quote (above). Be sure to include your feelings in the poem.

Write a Short Story

Write a story that starts with the following passage. Your story should be at least 4-5 paragraphs long. Use your imagination – don't just write about the events that take place in "Death in the Woods." Feel free to make up your own story!

"He was on his way home from rabbit hunting when it happened. The late afternoon sun shone through bare trees and reflected off the snowy ground. Everything was completely silent, but suddenly he had the feeling that he wasn't alone in the woods."